

Remarks/Arguments

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 28, 2006.

Claims 1-70 were in this Application. Claim 23-25 are withdrawn without prejudice. Thus, Claims 1-22 and 26-70 are currently pending in this Application.

The Examiner has required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect from among claims 1-22, 43-55 drawn to a fiber cement product with a removable protective layer; and claims 26-42 and 56-70 drawn to a method of adhering a protective layer to a finish layer (Group I) and claims 23-25 drawn to a method of constructing a building (Group II). Applicant hereby elects without traverse claims 1-22 and 26-70 of (Group I) for prosecution on the merits.

Enclosed is a copy of a Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form that was filed and was received by the U.S. Patent Office on April 11, 2006 (copy enclosed). Please change the correspondence address accordingly.

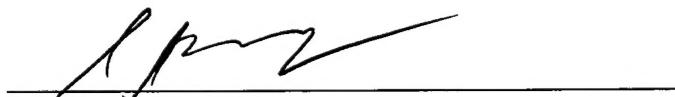
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

No fees are believed due, however, applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or refunds that may be required by this paper to Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP Deposit Account No. 07-0153. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP Deposit Account No. 07-0153.

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